

Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada

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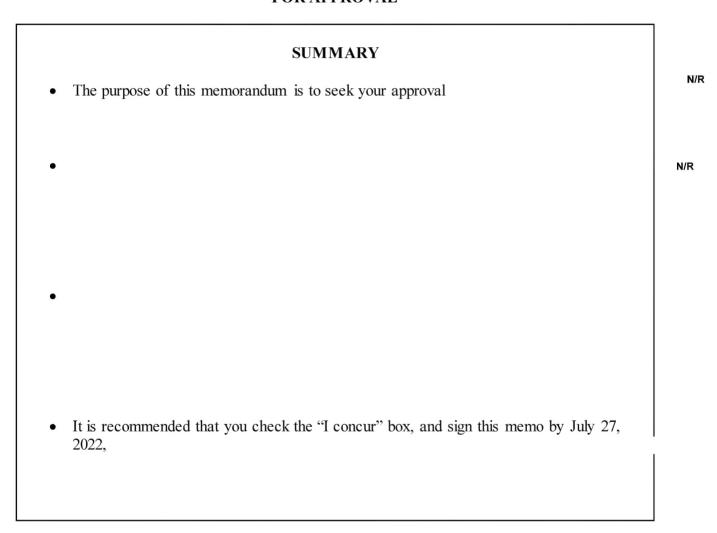
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MEMORANDUM TO THE MINISTER

CITIZENSHIP MODERNIZATION AND ACCESSIBILITY

FOR APPROVAL



BACKGROUND:

N/R

reflecting your mandate commitments to eliminate citizenship application fees, improve processing times, address systemic inequities, and advance Reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples.



However, Budget 2022 did announce the Government's intent to introduce
legislative amendments to the Citizenship Act to enable automated and machine-assisted
processing and the safe and secure collection and use of biometric information.

CURRENT STATUS:

N/R

• Additionally, given your mandate commitment to eliminate fees, which will further enhance accessibility to Canadian citizenship through the elimination of financial barriers,

N/R

OPTIONS

N/R

CONSIDERATIONS:

- Citizenship application fees are set out in a schedule to the *Citizenship Regulations* (see Annex B) and, for the most part (except for grants), have remained unchanged since their initial introduction. Of note, in fiscal year 2019-2020, citizenship grants accounted for approximately 80% of applications received while citizenship proofs accounted for a little over 4%. About \$133M was deposited into the consolidated revenue fund, with the grant of citizenship line of business accounting for over 95% of the revenues.
- Changes related to fees require Treasury Board and Governor-in-Council approval.

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LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS:

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

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COMMUNICATIONS IMPLICATIONS

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Media and social media interest is expected to pick up once the Department communicates its plans.

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Products can include a news release, backgrounder, key messages, questions and answers, social media and web updates. A more detailed communications strategy would be developed once an option is chosen.

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RECOMMENDATION & NEXT STEPS:

• It is recommended that you check the "I concur" box, and sign this memo by July 27, 2022,

N/R

a/DM Campbell Jarvis e-approved July 15, 2022

Caroline Xavier
Acting Deputy Minister

☐ I concur

✓ I do not concur

The Hon. Sean Fraser, P.C., M.P. Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship

Annexes (2):

Annex A -

N/R

Annex B - Schedule of Fees

Pages 8 to / à 13 are not relevant sont non pertinentes

SCHEDULE OF CANADIAN CITIZENSHIP FEES

Application/line of business	Service Fee	Right of Citizenship Fee	Last Amended
Grant of citizenship – adults	\$530	\$100	2015
Grant of citizenship – minors applying on their own	\$100	-	2018
Grant of citizenship – adoptees, minors	\$100	-	2007
Grant of citizenship – adoptees, adults	\$530	\$100	2015
Grant of citizenship – minors applying as dependent	\$100	-	1995
Grant of citizenship – stateless (adults)	\$0	\$100	2009
Grant of citizenship – Stateless minors	\$0	-	2009
Grant of citizenship – resumption (18 and over)	\$530	_	2015
Grant of citizenship – resumption (under 18)	\$100	-	1997
Proof of citizenship, adult/minor	\$75	-	1997
Search of records of citizenship (no charge when combined with a proof of citizenship application)	\$75	-	1997
Renunciation of citizenship (regular)	\$100	-	1995
Renunciation of citizenship (simplified)	\$0	-	2008